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Governor Announces \$1.7 Million to Fund Projects to Begin Process of Redeveloping Brownfields

Grants Will Help 35 Communities Across the State Jump-Start Redevelopment of Urban Centers

Governor Jim Doyle announced today the award of \$1.7 million in grants through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assess contamination at abandoned or underused properties in 35 communities across the state. The DNR's Brownfields Site Assessment Grants (SAG) will fund 50 projects that will begin the process to redevelop brownfields, which are abandoned, idle, or underused industrial or commercial properties where redevelopment is hindered by real or perceived contamination.

"These grants are a great way for communities to jump-start redevelopment of their urban centers," Governor Doyle said. "Since this program began in 2000, we've helped pave the way for scores of economic and community renewal projects that have resulted in the cleanup and safe reuse of those properties."

Small grants (up to \$30,000) make up 43 of the awards, while seven are large grants (between \$30,000 and \$100,000). The grants will provide funds for environmental activities on 188 acres of land. Activities include 77 site assessments and investigations, and the removal of 63 buildings or structures, 35 underground storage tanks, and 39 abandoned containers.

Local governments have also pledged \$1.6 million in additional funds for the projects, far more than the 20 percent match required through the application process.

"These grants are helping leverage local investment, which is good news for the economy," Governor Doyle said. "Once the redevelopment starts on these properties, that investment will continue to grow."

The DNR received 105 applications totaling \$4.4 million in requests, more than twice as much money than was available.

"The record number of applications and the dollar-for-dollar investment by local governments shows that – despite tough economic times – restoration of contaminated properties are a local priority," Governor Doyle said. "We hope to continue funding this successful grant program to meet the needs of those communities facing the challenge of brownfield cleanups and redevelopment."

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This is the fifth round of SAG awards since the program began in 2000. In the first four rounds, the DNR awarded more than \$4.85 million to 84 communities to begin investigation and cleanup at 554 acres. These activities included more than 210 site assessments and investigations, the removal of 162 underground storage tanks, and the demolition of nearly 200 structures and buildings.

Another \$1.7 million will be available for the program next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2004. The State Legislature first authorized \$1.45 million for the SAG program in the 1999-2001 State Biennial Budget after the Brownfields Study Group, a state-wide advisory task force, recommended the program in their 1998 final report.

The following local governments are receiving Round 5 grants.

Cities, Villages, and Counties

Ashland	Frank Tomlinson Construction Co.	\$100,000
Village of Bangor	Bangor Dutch Creek Redevelopment Site	\$30,000
Black River Falls	Winnebago North	\$25,817
Boscobel	Evergreen (Weadge) Trailer Park Redev.	\$30,000
Village of Boyceville	Former Feed Mill/Gas Station	\$30,000
Chippewa County	Chippewa Falls BI-Products II	\$30,000
Town of Fifield	Old Fifield School	\$12,800
Green Lake County	Manchester Mill	\$5,121
Town of Hamburg	Former Jack's Bar	\$21,000
Hillsboro	Former E. Hagenah Lumber Co.	\$5,000
Kaukauna	Former Gunderson Cleaners	\$30,000
Kaukauna	Telulah Canal Investigation	\$16,667
Kenosha	C&L Industrial Cleaners	\$29,500
Town of Madison	Novation Tech. Campus Brownfield Redev.	\$29,000
Manitowoc	Musial Paint Finishes	\$29,920
Manitowoc	100 Maritime Dr	\$30,000
Milwaukee	3326 W. Capitol Dr	\$30,000
Milwaukee	4522-30 W. Lisbon	\$29,999
Milwaukee	3009 N. Humboldt Blvd	\$29,999
Milwaukee	3613 N. Palmer St	\$30,000
Neenah	Canal St. Redev.-Municipal Parking Structure	\$30,000
Oconto Falls	Former Malcomson Oil	\$30,000
Town of Ojibwa	Alban Kleutsch Property	\$29,000
Village of Oregon	Hitching Post/Meriter Site	\$29,500
Village of Prentice	Abandoned Church/Grocery Store	\$30,000
Richland Center	Orange St. Commons	\$30,000
River Falls	Skoglund-Heutmayer Former Bulk Plant Prop.	\$30,000

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Sturgeon Bay	PBI Public Space Acquisition	\$100,000
Village of Thiensville	Gilbert Shoe Co.	\$30,000
Town of Washington	Ripley Property	\$22,600
West Allis	700 Properties	\$99,900
West Allis	1960 67th Place	\$29,900
West Allis	100 Properties	\$29,900
West Allis	Former Wehr Steel Site	\$29,900
Winnebago County	Former American Quality Fibers	\$30,000
Wisconsin Dells	Old Railroad Property	\$65,979

Redevelopment and Community Development Authorities (RDAs and CDAs)

Village of Ashwaubenon	Pedestrian Way Redevelopment Site	\$30,000
Community Development Authority	Robert Tilleman Property	\$30,000
Brodhead Community Development Authority	Walder Property Redevelopment	\$29,500
Brown Deer Community Development Authority	Teutonia Enhancement Project	\$39,000
Community Development Authority of Glendale	USPS Carrier Annex	\$30,000
Redevelopment Authority City of Milwaukee	4227 N. Teutonia Ave	\$29,999
	Stadium Business Park	\$30,000
	Former OMC Facility/Jensar	\$30,000
	620 S 44th St.	\$30,000
	2674-82 Kinnickinnic Ave	\$29,999
Redevelopment Authority City of Racine	Jacobsen/Textron Property-03	\$30,000
	Jacobsen/Textron Property-02	\$10,000
	Jacobsen/Textron Property-01	\$30,000
Whitewater Community Development Authority	North Jefferson Street Redevelopment	\$100,000

For more information about the Site Assessment Grant program, please contact Andrew Savagian at the DNR at 608-261-6422 or andrew.savagian@dnr.state.wi.us, or visit the DNR's Remediation and Redevelopment Program web site at www.dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/sag.htm.